

commitment to public safety, and his passion for Franklin is truly remarkable. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the lifetime work of Chief Williams upon his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. JAMES A.  
KUYKENDALL

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2012*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the continued contributions of Rev. Dr. James A. Kuykendall to the State of New Jersey and to our Nation. As a spiritual leader, mentor, and community servant, Dr. Kuykendall has dedicated himself to bettering the lives of others.

Dr. Kuykendall is a native of my hometown, Paterson, New Jersey. He attended Eastside High School, where he was an assistant drum major for the school marching band. Dr. Kuykendall went on to study at Montclair State University and Ramapo College. Ultimately, Dr. Kuykendall obtained his Doctor of Divinity degree from Shiloh Theological Seminary in 1999.

Dr. Kuykendall also proudly and honorably served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Seoul, South Korea and completed his tour of duty as a financial specialist.

In 1987, Dr. Kuykendall established the Agape Christian Ministries Church. He is the

founder and pastor of one of the most multicultural and popular ministries in the City of Paterson.

However, Dr. Kuykendall's message and goodwill is not confined to the Agape Christian Ministries Church on 76 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey. His weekly ministry broadcast is telecast to over 120 cities throughout New Jersey and New York. The Agape Christian Ministries Church also has one of the most generous college scholarship programs in the State of New Jersey. This has made higher education a reality to countless bright and talented students.

Currently, Dr. Kuykendall serves as Chaplain to the Paterson Police Department and as Chief Chaplain to the Passaic County Jail. He serves on numerous community and civic boards. Dr. Kuykendall has received numerous awards and honorary resolutions for his civic and religious work throughout New Jersey.

Dr. Kuykendall is married to Rev. Kathy Kuykendall of Paterson, New Jersey. They could not be more proud of their daughter Tanisha Vonetta and of their grandchild Te'ras Trae Samuels.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of individuals like Dr. James Kuykendall.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Dr. Kuykendall's family and friends, all those whose lives he touched, and me, in recognizing Dr. James Kuykendall.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LADY GOLDEN EAGLES BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the Jacksonville High School Lady Golden Eagles Women's Basketball team in Jacksonville, Alabama, who recently won the Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 4A State Championship.

The Lady Golden Eagles are the first girls' basketball team in Calhoun County history to win a state title. The team began the season unranked, but proved during the season and post-season to be number one. Their overall record was 31 wins and four losses. The Lady Golden Eagles are led by Head Coach Ryan Chambless and his assistants Nate Lyons and Megan Snider.

All of us across Calhoun County and east Alabama are deeply proud of these talented young Alabamians. I'd like to congratulate the team, coaches and Jacksonville High School on this outstanding achievement.